A STRAIN on the FAMILY TIE

By CHAR WILLIAMS

NOW ALL I NEED IS SOME GOOD POETRY

UNCLE MORT DID YOU EVER WRITE ANY GOOD VALENTINE POETRY ?

SURE, YOUR AUNT EVVY USED T' GO MUSHY OVER MY VALENTINE POETRY

WELL, HOW'S THIS ONE : " JUST AS TH' STUMP THE VINE DOTH ENTWINE YOU'VE SNARLED UP MY HEART, MY VALENTINE "

GEE THAT'S HOT !

NOW LISTEN, UNCLE MORT, YOU SLIP OVER TO THAT LITTLE GIRL'S HOUSE NEXT DOOR AND HAND THIS TO SOMEBODY SO'S THEY WON'T KNOW IT'S FROM ME

JUST LOOK AT THIS MESS - AND I JUST HAD THIS ROOM STRAIGHTENED UP

WHAT'S ALL THIS ? = "TH' ROSE'S DEEP RED AND TH' VIOLET'S TRUE BLUE WOULD LOOK KINDA FADED IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, MY VALENTINE !" - AND THAT'S MORT'S HANDWRITING !

MORT GREEN HAS ACTED PLENTY QUEER LOTS OF TIMES BUT- THAT POETRY ! AND WHERE IN TH' WORLD IS HE GOIN' ?

I THINK I HAD BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HIM - HE'S JUST SURE T' DO SOMETHING DUMB

SH-H-! DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MY BEIN' HERE, GIRLIE

YOU, AND POETRY, AT YOUR TIME OF LIFE !

BUT WAIT, MY DEAR

SMACK

BUT, DARLIN'-

GEE, BUT AIN'T LOVE GRAND

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SWEENEY & SON

By POSEN

POP-LOOK AT THE SWELL VALENTINE I GOT FOR MOM !

BOY ! IT'S A DANDY !

TO MY VALENTINE To Mom from Sonny

I'M GOING TO GIVE IT TO MOM WHEN SHE GETS HOME

GOSH-I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THIS BEING ST VALENTINE'S DAY !

I'VE GOT TO GET A VALENTINE FOR MA IN A HURRY !

THE STORE IS CLOSED !

STATIONERY

I'LL HAVE TO TRY ANOTHER PLACE -

GOSH ! ALL THE STORES ARE CLOSED !

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING !

I'VE GOT IT !!

I HATE TO DO THIS — BUT ANY PORT IN A STORM

TO MY VALENTINE To Mom from Sonny and Pa

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